

**Remarks**

Claims 1-8 are pending in this action. Claims 1 and 3-8 have been allowed and claim 2 stands rejected. By this amendment claim 2 has been amended and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

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**In the Drawings**

The Examiner indicated that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(u)(2) of the Consolidated Patent Rules, the numbering of the figures in drawings 1 through 6 must be larger than the numbers used for reference characters. The original drawings have been amended to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(u)(2) and a proposed set of corrected drawings is attached herewith. Applicant will provide formal drawings in this case upon indication from the Examiner that the proposed drawings are acceptable.

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**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

The Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner noted that claim 2 appeared to have a typographical error in that the phrase "... has a reversible photochromic." was incomplete. Applicant's copy of the as filed application includes the word "property" at the end of claim 2, reading: "... has a reversible photochromic property." Claim 2 has been amended to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

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**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant is grateful for Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 3-8 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 is dependent upon claim 1. Therefore, Applicant believes that claim 2 is also in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

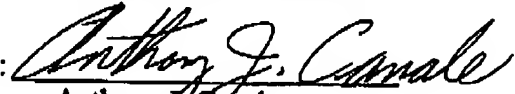
Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims in the subject patent application are in condition for allowance and that the application may be passed to issuance.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application.

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